

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

a. SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
I. TERRITORIAL SEA	Apr 70	Decree	12nm	For Sharjah only; right of transit and overflight recognized in areas where no high seas between Sharjah and other states.
	Oct 93	Federal Law No.19	12nm	Foreign warships require prior permission for innocent passage. Foreign ships nuclear powered or carrying nuclear or other dangerous or hazardous material must give notice prior to innocent passage. These requirements are not recognized by the U.S. U.S. conducted operational assertion in 1995.
	May 94	Circular No. 34		All ships and naval units prohibited from entering territorial sea or ports without certificate of registration, statement of cargo, and crew and passenger list. The U.S. does not recognize this requirement for vessels engaged in innocent passage. U.S. policy is to not provide such documents for sovereign vessels entering foreign ports.
II. ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Oct 93	Federal Law No. 19		Provides for archipelagic and straight baselines.
III. CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Oct 93	Federal Law No. 19	24nm	Claim includes the right to legislate for the security of the State.
IV. CONTINENTAL SHELF	Jun 49	Proclamation	NOTE*	Abu Dhabi
	Jun 49	Proclamation	NOTE*	Dubai
	Jun 49	Proclamation	NOTE*	Sharjah
	Jun 49	Proclamation	NOTE*	Ras Al Khaimah
	Jun 49	Proclamation	NOTE*	Asman
	1964	Agreement		Seabed mining agreement between rulers of Sharjah and Umm al Qaywan.
	Jul 66	Announcement	1958 DEF	Fujairahd
	Oct 93	Federal Law No. 19	CM/ 200nm	Exploration or exploitation of natural resources of sea bed and subterranean.

* NOTE: To boundaries with neighboring states, to be determined on equitable principles.

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V. FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Aug 80	Declaration of Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Agreed Limits or Median	EEZ for all Emirates.
	Oct 93	Federal Law No. 19	200nm or Median	Free Economic Zone - fishing rights exclusive to citizens - foreigners must be licensed to fish.
VI. ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION	Aug 80	Declaration	Within EEZ.	
VII. MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Mar 69	Agreement		Abu Dhabi-Qatar continental shelf boundary agreement entered into force.
	Aug 74	Agreement		Dubai: continental shelf boundary agreement with Iran signed; see LIS No. 63.
	Oct 81	Arbitral Award		Dubai-Sharjah territorial sea and continental shelf boundaries determined.
VIII. LOS CONVENTION	Dec 82			Signed.

c. MARITIME BOUNDARIES

MARITIME BOUNDARY: QATAR-ABU DHABI Agreement on Settlement of Maritime Boundary Lines and Sovereign Rights over Islands, 1969

Recognizing the cordial and fraternal relations that exist between the two sister Arab States, and desirous of settling maritime boundary lines and sovereign rights over islands on the basis of their mutual interests, the two Contracting Parties have agreed as follows:

- (1) That 'Dina' Island is part of the territory of Abu Dhabi;
- (2) That the islands of 'Lashat' and 'Shraho' are part of the territory of Qatar;
- (3) That both States will have no further national claims against each other in islands and waters beyond the maritime boundary lines herein agreed to.
- (4) That the maritime boundary lines referred to in paragraph (3) above are as follows:

(a) A straight line between Point A at:
 Lat: 25° 31' 50" Long: 53° 02' 05"
 and point B, 'Bir Elbundug', at:
 Lat: 25° 05' 54.79" Long: 53° 36' 50.98"

(b) A straight line between point B (described above), and point C, at:
 Lat: 24° 48' 40" Long: 52° 16' 20"

(c) A straight line from point C (described above) to point D (at Bab Khor Eladid at the territorial sea boundary) at:
 Lat: 24° 48' 40" Long: 52° 16' 20"

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- (6) That the Contracting Parties will have equal rights of ownership over 'Hagl Elbundug' and agreed to consult each other in all matters concerning its exploitation.

MARITIME BOUNARY: DUBAI-IRAN
Offshore Boundary Agreement, 1974

Article 1

The boundary line dividing the continental shelf lying between the territory of U.A.E. on the one side and that of Iran on the other side, except in the vicinity of Sirri Island, shall consist of geodetic lines between the following points:

Point 1: 54° 05' 16" long. E 25° 38' 13" lat. N to

Point 2: 54° 26' 18" long. E 25° 39' 55" lat. N to

Point 3: 54° 30' 25" long. E 25° 41' 35" lat. N. from this point the boundary line coincides with the southern 12-mile limit of the territorial waters of the Sirri Island to:

Point 4: 54° 44' 50" long. E 25° 47' 20" lat. to

Point 5: 54° 45' 07" long. E 25° 47' 30" lat. N